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Dear ~~Dr. Hockett~~:

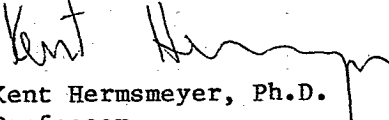
This year the FASEB Summer Research Conference Series will include a meeting on smooth muscle. This will be the second meeting on that topic, and I believe it will be as successful as the memorable initial conference in 1982.

The meeting, which will be held June 24-28, 1985, at the Vermont Academy in Saxton's River, Vermont, is the only conference on smooth muscles to be held on a regular basis in North America. A copy of topics and certain speakers (representing only a fraction of the 155 outstanding scientists who will contribute) is enclosed.

Because of budget difficulties caused mainly by directives from the OMB, the NIH has formally notified us that our grant application, which was to support the meeting, will not be funded. Therefore, I am writing to invite your organization to contribute financial support to this important meeting. We presently have only partial basic support from the FASEB and a few private companies. However, we need to make up at least part of the \$30,000 that would have come from the NIH grant, and would be most appreciative of any help.

I am certain this will be an especially important meeting, as several exciting new areas which are developing rapidly (e.g.,  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  channel characteristics and modulation, intracellular  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  localization, inositol trisphosphate and  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  release,  $\text{K}^{+}$  channels, calsequestrin) will have their first full discussion here. I look forward to your reply and hope you will be able to respond favorably to support this research area when it so greatly needs help.

Sincerely,

  
Kent Hermesmyer, Ph.D.  
Professor  
Vice Chairman, 1985 FASEB  
Conference on Smooth Muscle

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Enclosure